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CONFERENCE, USA/UK COOPERATION

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FOLLOWING IS FOR O'NIEL/HUFFCUTT, EB/TT/TD

1. GEORGE JACOBS MET TODAY WITH THOMAS KILVINGTON AND ARTHUR CARTER OF HOME OFFICE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING UK PLANNING FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE, AND WILL BE MEMBERS UK DELEGATION TO SECOND SESSION.

2. UK DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY JOLYON DROMGOOLE, CHIEF OF BROADCASTING DEPT., HOME OFFICE. HE IS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE AND WILL DEPEND UPON KILVINGTON AS DEPUTY FOR TECHNICAL MATTERS. DROMGOOLE ON LEAVE FOR REMAINDER OF MONTH.

3. JACOBS EXPLAINED PURPOSE AND COMPOSITION OF U.S. TEAM OF EXPERTS TO BE IN GENEVA DURING CONFERENCE'S
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SECOND SESSION, AND DESIRE TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT

WITH UK DELEGATION. KILVINGTON SEES NO PROBLEM IN THIS AND POINTED OUT THAT HE ASSISTED PROHM DURING FIRST SESSION. THEY ARE PREPARED TO KEEP U.S. TEAM INFORMED OF CONFERENCE PROGRESS AND DIRECTION.

4. UK VIEW IS VERY PESSIMISTIC CONCERNING PROBABLE RESULTS CONFERENCE. THEY CAN ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN STATUS QUO. FROM THEIR ANALYSIS OF ITU LIST OF REQUIREMENTS, THEY SEE MAINTAINING STATUS QUO FOR UK EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, REQUIRING EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATION AND "HORSE-TRADING" AT CONFERENCE.

5. UK WILL OPPOSE ANY POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH MAY BE INJECTED INTO CONFERENCE ON BASIS THAT THEY ARE "OUT OF ORDER" FOR ITU PROCEEDINGS. KILVINGTON POINTED OUT THAT FIRST SESSION OF AFRICAN BROADCASTING CONFERENCE BROKE UP TEN YEARS AGO OVER POLITICAL ISSUE OF PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND HE DOES NOT RULE OUT A SIMILAR FATE FOR THIS CONFERENCE.

6. U.S. TEAM SHOULD MAKE LIAISON WITH UK DELEGATION AS SOON AS CONVENIENT AFTER START OF CONFERENCE.

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